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SUBJECT: SIX-DAY WAR ANNIVERSARY QUIET IN JERUSALEM

1. SUMMARY. DESPITE GENERAL STRIKE CALL FROM "JERUSALEM THUNDER FORCES", JUNE 5 IS PRETTY MUCH BUSINESS-AS-USUAL IN JERUSALEM. MOST ARAB ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE HEEDED POLICE WARNINGS AGAINST STRIKE, ALTHOUGH SOME OPENED LATE. NO INCIDENTS HEARD OF UP TO 4:00 PM. END SUMMARY.

2. FORTY TO FIFTY PERCENT OF ARAB BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN EAST JERUSALEM WERE SLOW IN OPENING MORNING OF JUNE 5, ANNIVERSARY OF 1967 WAR, BUT BY 9:30 TO 10:00 AM MOST WERE OPERATING NORMALLY. GOI POLICE MINISTER SHLOMO HILLEL AND OTHER POLICE OFFICIALS AND NUMERTIS POLICE/MILITARY PATROLS WITH WALKIE-TALKIES WERE SEEN TOURING OLD CITY ABOUT 9:00 AM, QUESTIONING NEIGHBORS OF IHOSE STORES ABOUT THEIR OWNERS, USUAL OPENING
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HOURS, ETC. CITY APPEARS NORMAL IN OTHER RESPECTS AND WE

HAVE HEARD OF NO INCIDENTS.

3. ARABIC DAILY AL QUDS REPORTS THAT POLICE JUNE 4 WARNED ARAB (EAST JERUSALEM) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BUS COMPANIES AGAINST MARKING JUNE 5 ANNIVERSARY WITH STRIKES OR CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES, ON PAIN OF CLOSURE OR CONFISCATION OF BUSINESS PREMISES. SIMILAR WARNINGS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED THROUGHOUT WEST BANK TOWNS.

4. PRINTED APPEAL BY "JERUSALEM THUNDER FORCES" (APPARENTLY SMALL LOCAL UNDERGROUD GROUP OF WHICH WE FIRST HEARD SOME WEEKS AGO) DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY DURING PAST FEW DAYS APPEARS TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT. APPEAL CALLED FOR GENERAL STRIKE, HALT TO VEHICLE MOVEMENT AND RESISTANCE BY ALL MEANS TO EFFORTS TO PREVENT STRIKE. CITIZENS ASKED TO STAY HOME AND NOT HAMPER "HEROIC ACTIVITIES" OF "REVOLUTIONARIES" BY CONGREGATING WHERE "ENEMY IS GATHERED". CAR OWNERS WARNED THEY WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS IF THEY VIOLATED PROHIBITION ON DRIVING. RESPONSE TO APPEAL ALMOST NIL EXCEPT THAT SOME DRIVERS LEFT CARS HOME.

5. COMMENT. LOCAL ARAB POPULACE OBVIOUSLY NOT ANXIOUS TO BE "HEROES" AND TAKE ISRAELI WARNINGS FAR MORE SERIOUSLY THAN THREATS OF "THUNDER FORCES". FEDAYEEN THREAT IN JERUSALEM SEEMS FOR PRESENT, AT LEAST, TO BE WELL UNDER CONTROL.

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